

"third" and insert "fourth." Mr. Guinn moved to lay the amendments on the table. Carried.

The Senate then adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

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Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

A Bill to regulate the cultivation of cotton being under consideration, Mr. Guinn offered the following amendment: Insert "The Governor shall upon the passage of this act issue his proclamation to the planters of this state setting forth the provisions of this act." Adopted.

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Friday, February 20, 1863

9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Casey introduced a Bill to appropriate \$1,000 to pay the expenses of taking up, committing, keeping, and conveying to the Penitentiary runaway slaves. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to allow the publisher of the *Almanac Extra* the use of the journals of the Senate provided the said journal shall not be kept from his custody more than one day." Adopted.

Mr. Cooper offered the following: "**Resolved**, That no new business shall be received in the Senate for its action after Monday next except such as may come from the House of Representatives." Laid over one day for consideration.

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

A Bill to regulate the cultivation of cotton being under consideration when the Senate adjourned on yesterday was taken up. Read 2nd time.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed a Joint Resolution tendering thanks to Major O. M. Watkins.

A Joint Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in the Confederate States Congress to take into consideration the propriety of modifying the exemption laws.

A Bill to authorize the establishment of ferries at the crossing of the Waco and Austin road on the Lampasas and Leon Rivers in the County of Bell without obtaining license.

A Bill declaring void any sale made by the public enemy who may occupy any portion of the territory of the State of Texas.

The question being upon the bill to regulate the cultivation of cotton whether it shall be engrossed. Mr. Dickson moved a call of the Senate which was sustained. On Mr. Parson's motion the call was suspended and the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

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Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

The consideration of the bill to regulate the cultivation of cotton being before the Senate; The President announced the following communication from the Treasurer which on motion was taken up and referred to Committee on Finance.<sup>11</sup> Mr. Lea occupying the floor gave way to a motion to adjourn, whereupon the Senate adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Saturday, February 21, 1863

9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Dickson, Chairman of Committee on Education, on behalf of said committee reported a bill to incorporate the Dallas Male and Female College recommending its passage with the following amendment. Strike out after the word "Dallas" all of third section.

Mr. Casey, one of the Committee on the Judiciary, on behalf of the majority reported a Bill authorizing judgments to be rendered requiring property levied upon by execution to bring nine tenths of its appraised value in certain cases, and recommended the adoption of the substitute presented.

Mr. Ford, Chairman of Committee on Enrolled Bills, reported a Joint Resolution tendering the thanks of the people of Texas to our soldiers in the army correctly en-

<sup>11</sup> For this report see C. H. Randolph's statement in the Senate Proceedings of February 17, 1863.